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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-37 (Cancelled).

Claim 38 (Amended) A composition useful as local drug delivery system comprising: (a) a polymeric bone-cement component in the form of particles, and (b) an anti-resorptive agent in the form of particles, wherein the anti-resorptive agent's particle-size distribution is about the same or less than the polymeric bone-cement component's particle-size distribution.

Claims 39-53 (No change)

Claim 54 (Amended) A composition comprising: (a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and (b) an anti-resorptive amount of an anti-resorptive agent wherein the anti-resorptive agent is present in an amount that does not compromise the cement's chemical or mechanical properties but sufficient to prevent loosening of the bone cement from the living bone.

Claims 55-76 (No change)